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THE CITY OF ALBANY



ALBANY, the beautiful capital of the State of New York, is located on the west bank of the noble Hudson, about one hundred and forty-five miles above the island of Manhattan. The first settlement at this spot by white men was made in 1614 by a party of Dutch traders who operated under a grant of the United New Netherlands Company and built a trading-house and stockade. This was destroyed by a rise in the river, but in 1623 the Dutch West India Company built a more permanent defended post and called it Fort Orange in honor of the reigning prince of the Netherlands.

A settlement gradually expanded under this name and in the control of the Dutch, but in 1664 the country passed from their hands and their English successors changed the name to Albany to please the Duke of York and Albany, whose first title had already been pre-empted by the growing metropolis at the mouth of the Hudson.

By this time the town was the center of a flourishing trade, and it continued to grow so rapidly that it was incorporated as a city as early as 1686. Albany achieved considerable importance as a colonial city. It was a rendezvous of several important military expeditions during the bitter Indian and Canadian wars of the eighteenth century, and in 1754 it was the meeting-place of a Continental Congress to discuss the project of a federal union which was attended by delegates from all the colonies north of Virginia. Thus the idea of the great Union, destined to become a glorious fact, was first formulated in Albany.

The city was a hotbed of patriotism during the Revolution, and furnished the ideal soldier, General Schnyler, to the American cause. It was an important depot of supplies throughout the war, but although frequently threatened, was never reached by any British expedition.

Albany was selected as the State Capital in 1797, and its growth from that time has been steady and substantial. Stimulated by the opening of that titantic undertaking, the Erie Canal, and the building of giant railroad systems, the city's prosperity has kept pace with its population. It is now a busy community of over 100,000 inhabitants, with immense lumber, grain, manufacturing and shipping interests, and a political and social eminence which exceeds that of many larger cities.

Albany is famous for its magnificent public buildings, including the world-renowned State Capitol, its beautiful thoroughfares and its many stately homes. Its central location, high social tone and cultivated citizenship conspire to make the city a worthy home for the governing powers of the greatest State in the Union.

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THE STATE CAPITOL

This splendid edifice appropriately located upon the central hilltop of Albany, 155 feet above the Hudson, is a conspicuous object from every approach to the city, and is considered the finest building in the world. The grounds embrace nearly eight acres, three of which are covered by the huge dimensions of the Capitol. It is built of solid Maine granite, in architectural plan a modified French Renaissance style, around a central square court. The cornerstone was laid with Masonic ceremonies in June, 1871. The estimate of the cost when entirely completed is about \$27,000,000.



THE COURT OF APPEALS, CAPITOL BUILDING

A magnificent court-room in the southeast corner of the third floor of the Capitol. It is 53x35 feet, of lofty proportions, and beautifully finished in oak. A grand fireplace of Sienna marble and onyx is on the left side. The walls are adorned with portraits of distinguished men and the windows are surrounded by carved stone. The seat of the justices of this highest of State Courts, and the rails that divide the panel work on the walls, are also enriched with exquisite carving.



THE SENATE CHAMBER, CAPITOL BUILDING

The Senate Chamber is located at the east end of the south side of the Capitol and is without a rival in the world as a legislative hall. The light is received through great windows of stained glass and shows a bewildering and sumptuous scheme of adornment in which the rarest marbles, finest onyx and massive carved oak beams are used with artistic judgment. The elaborately decorated ceiling, the arches of the galleries and the grand fireplaces on each side of the entrance are especially beautiful.



THE ASSEMBLY CHAMBER, CAPITOL BUILDING

The Assembly Chamber is at the opposite end of the Capitol on the same floor as the Senate Chamber. It is nearly equal in beauty and of grander proportions. All the desks are of dark and highly polished mahogany. Four enormous pillars of rose granite with white marble bases and capitals support a carved and polished oak ceiling. The windows below the ceiling are filled with rare stained glass through which the light casts a rich glow over the splendid interior.



GOVERNOR'S ROOM, CAPITOL

In the southeast corner of the second or entrance floor is this beautiful room, 60x40 feet in size. The mahogany wainscoting rises to a height of fifteen feet. Hangings of Spanish leather are above the carved moulding that surmounts the wainscoting, and the ceiling is paneled in dark wood. A grand fireplace adds to the beauty of the room. The walls are hung with valuable portraits.



THE GOVERNOR'S MANSION

The official home of the Governor of New York is beautifully located on Eagle Street, and is one of the finest residences in the country. It was purchased by the State in 1877, and has been used by every governor since that time.



THE OLD STATE HOUSE

The first legislature to convene in Albany met in 1797. No especial building was completed for the use of the lawmakers until 1808 when the Old State House was erected on the hill in front of the site of the present State Capitol. In half a century the old structure became cramped quarters and in 1878 the legislature removed to the unfinished newer building. The Old State House is now used in connection with the Capitol by the State Comptroller and State Engineer.



POST OFFICE

Corner of Broadway and State Street. Cornerstone laid May 7, 1879. Cost, \$530,000. The upper floor is used for government offices.



STATE STREET FROM BROADWAY

Showing County Building, containing County Court and Surrogate Court. Formerly owned by Albany Savings Bank.



ARMORY

Located corner Lark Street and Washington Avenue. Four Companies, A, B, C, and D, are quartered here. Drill room on main floor.



NORTH PEARL STREET, LOOKING NORTH FROM STATE STREET

Showing Albany Savings Bank, and D and H Building on the left, also corner of Y. M. C. A. Large dry goods stores on right.



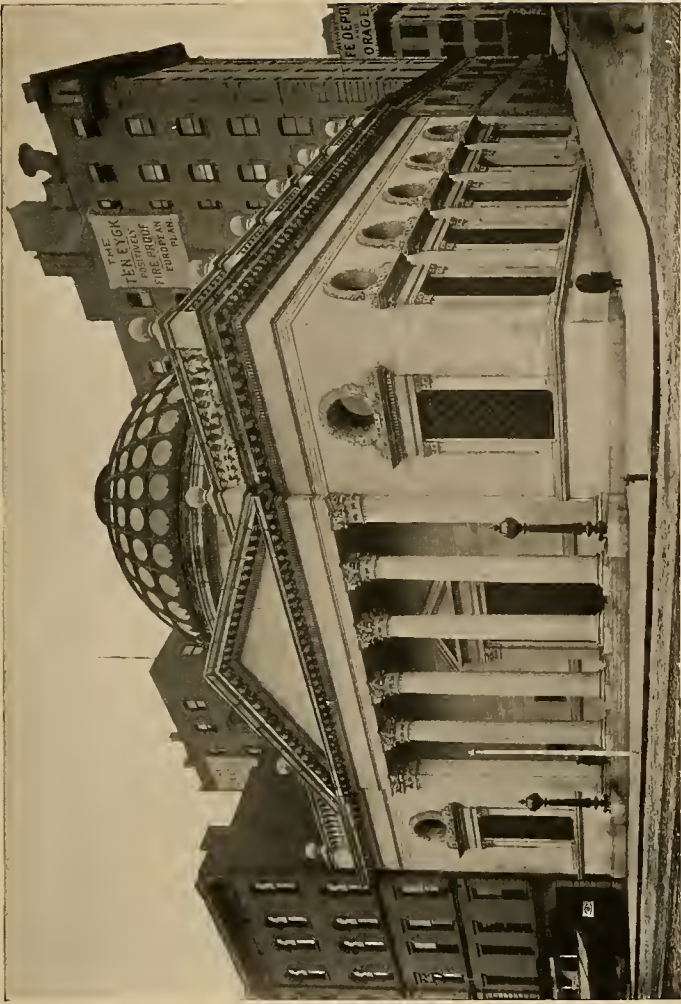
STATE STREET FROM BROADWAY

State Street is a wide avenue which starts at Broadway and slopes straight up the hill to the Capitol, then stretches west beyond Washington Park. It was originally a double street in the middle of which stood the public buildings of the early town. The view shows the Ten Eyck on the right and the Capitol in the distance.



CITY HALL

Built in 1881. Cost \$225,000. Located on Eagle Street opposite Capitol. The tower contains the city gong. The Old State House is shown on the left.



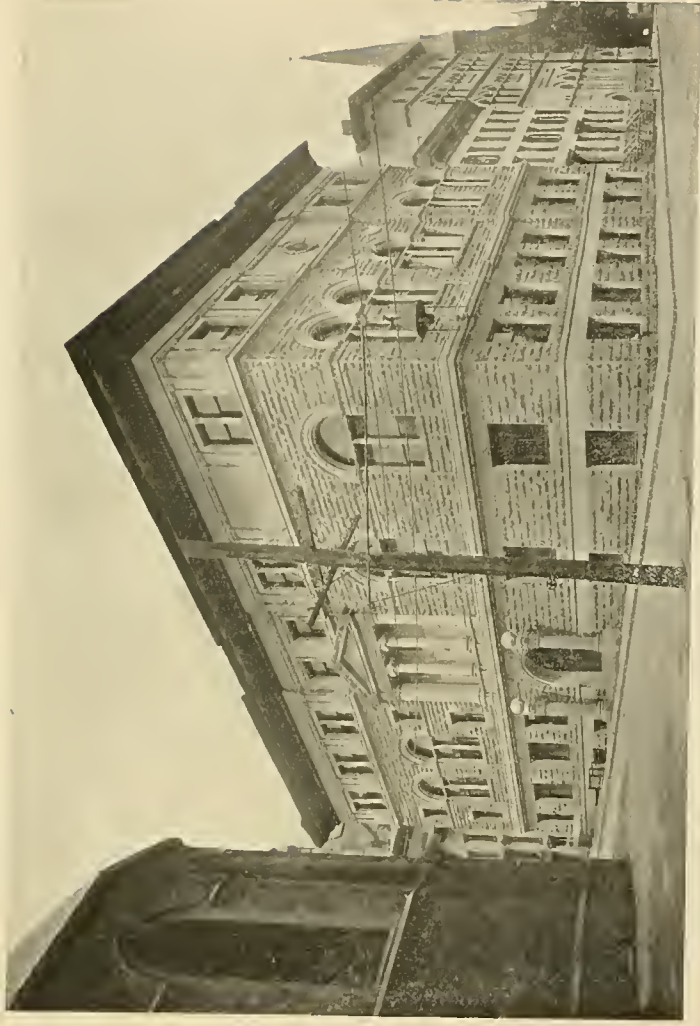
ALBANY SAVINGS BANK

Corner Maiden Lane and Pearl Street. Incorporated 1820. Moved to present location only a few years ago. Deposits and surplus over \$30,000,000.



KENMORE BLOCK

Showing Y. M. C. A. on left hand corner, New Kenmore Hotel on right, also Ten Eyck Annex, besides some of the leading stores.



MASONIC TEMPLE
 Corner of Maiden Lane and Lodge Street. St. Peter's Church on left, Lutheran Church on right.



FORT ORANGE CLUB
 Albany's finest social club. Located on Washington Avenue. Named after the original name of Albany.
 Opened July 1, 1880.



TEN EYCK

Fire-proof hotel. Finest in Albany. Located on State Street. It is named after James Ten Eyck, Past Grand Master of Masons of the State of New York.



LATHROP MEMORIAL

Built by Mrs. Stanford of California, whose husband was Lathrop, for the care of infant children during the day while mothers are employed. It is entirely free.



NEW YORK CENTRAL DEPOT

Located on Broadway. Finest in the State outside of New York City.



KENWOOD CONVENT

Catholic institution, situated about a mile south of Albany.



CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Corner-stone laid July 2, 1848. Dedicated by Archbishop Hughes, Nov. 21, 1852. Cost, \$200,000.



INTERIOR OF CATHEDRAL

The nave has a length of 125 feet and the transept 96 feet. It contains 2,500 sittings.



ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH (CATHOLIC)
 Located on Ten Broeck Street. Dedicated May 13, 1860.

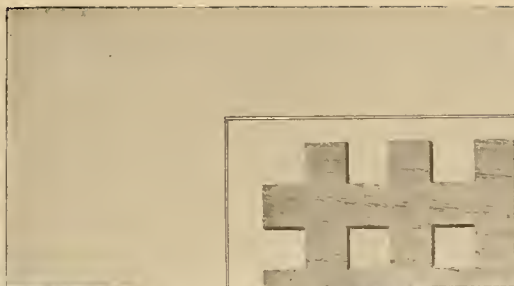


ST. PETER'S CHURCH (EPISCOPAL)
 Situated on State Street. Consecrated Oct. 4, 1860.



ALBANY CITY HOSPITAL

This splendid institution is considered one of the finest hospital buildings in the world. It is built on the pavilion plan. The hospital covers ten acres of ground and contains 140,000 square feet of floor space. Cost over \$300,000.



NORMAL COLLEGE

This college, founded in 1844, was the first normal school to be established in the State of New York. The fine college building is located on Willett Street, near Madison Avenue, and facing Washington Park. It will accommodate six hundred and seventy pupils and cost, exclusive of furnishings, about \$140,000.



ST. AGNES' SCHOOL

St. Agnes' School was founded by Bishop Doane in 1870. The school buildings now consist of a large main structure, the East Wing, the Studio Building, Gymnasium and Graduates' Hall. Erected at a cost of \$50,000.



ALBANY HIGH SCHOOL
Located on Eagle Street

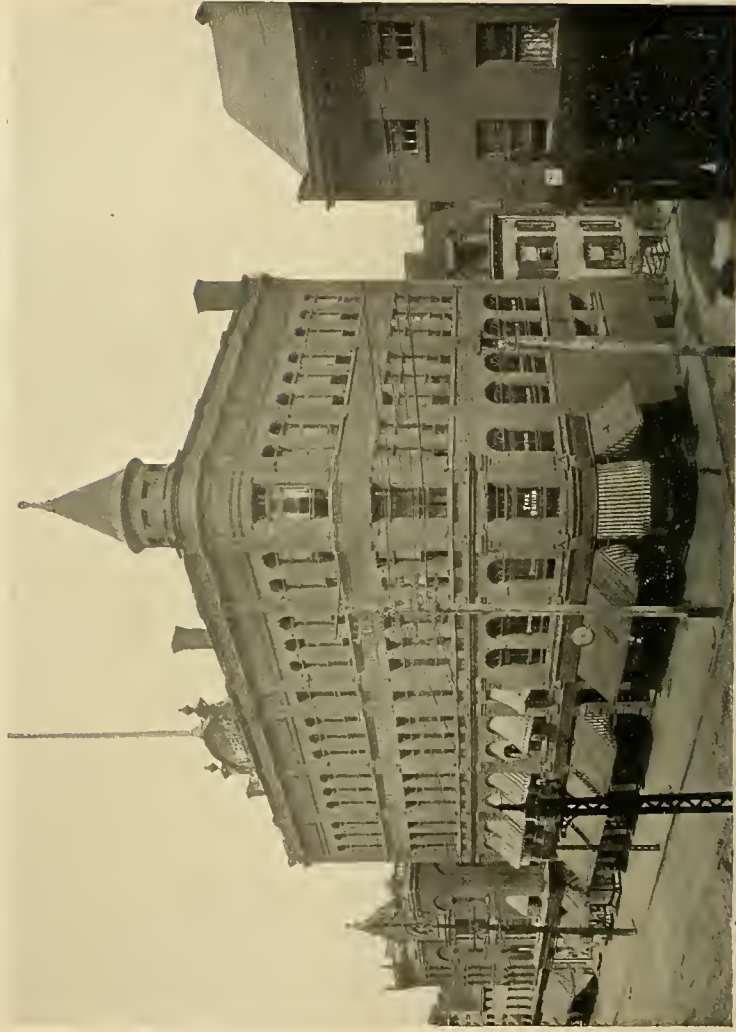


ALBANY BOYS' ACADEMY

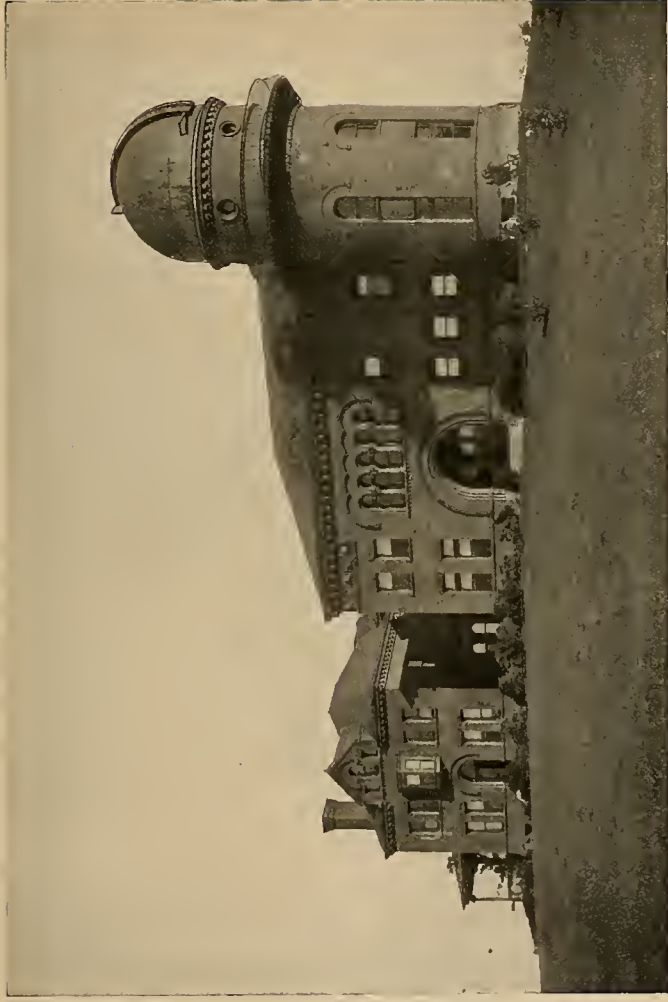
Facing State House. Erected 1815. Cost \$90,000. Private School.



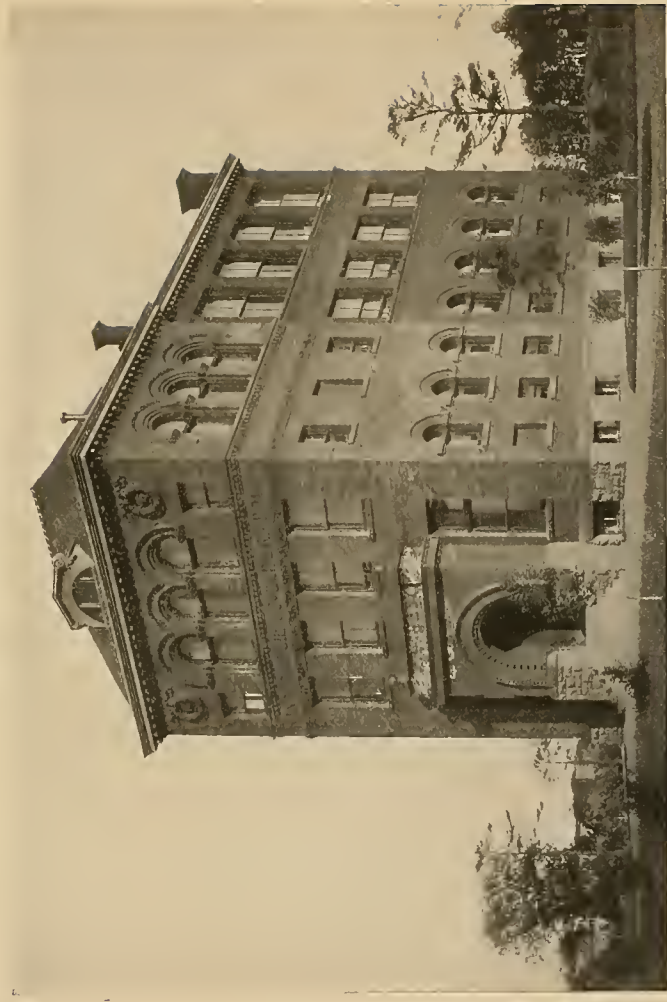
MEDICAL COLLEGE
Situating on Eagle Street. Part of Union College, Schenectady.



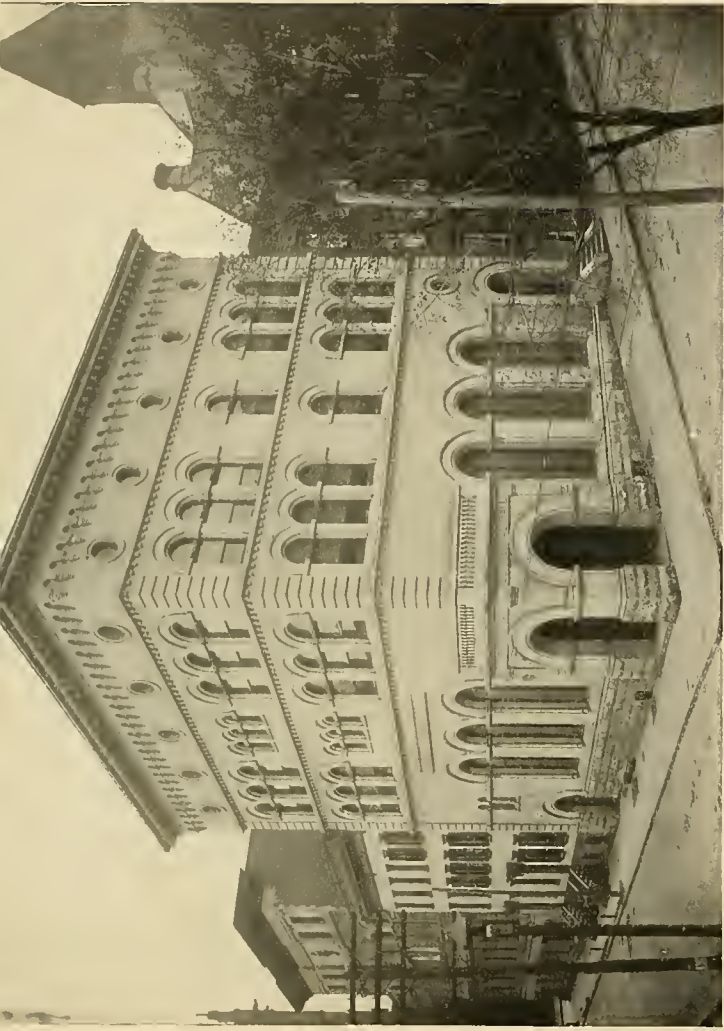
ALBANY BUSINESS COLLEGE, NORTH PEARL STREET
Private institution—originally one of Bryant and Stratton's chain of colleges.



OBSERVATORY, NEAR ALBANY HOSPITAL
Open to the public by card.



BENDER LABORATORY, NEAR ALBANY HOSPITAL
Gift of Matthew Bender, for the analysis of microbes of contagious diseases.



CENTENNIAL HALL

Built in commemoration of one hundredth anniversary of St. Mary's Church, (Catholic). Used for school and public purposes.



GEOLOGICAL HALL

Situated on State Street, corner of Lodge. This is maintained by the State as a museum, and is free to the public.



ADIRONDACK

One of the night boats of the People's Line between Albany and New York.



NEW YORK

One of the day line steamers between Albany and New York.



THE BURNS MONUMENT, WASHINGTON PARK
Erected by Miss McPherson in honor of the poet.



PARK LAKE, SITUATED IN WASHINGTON PARK



BRIDGE ACROSS LAKE IN WASHINGTON PARK



WOLFERT'S ROOST

Bought by David B. Hill from estate of Joseph K. Emmett, the famous actor, who built it for his private residence. Situated on Northern Boulevard, about one mile from Albany.



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